

REMARKS

The subject application is being filed under 35 U.S.C. §371. A copy of the International Application as filed is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US), and is not provided with this filing.

Claims Amendments

The claims have been amended to convert a claim in the International Application (WO04/018646) having multiple dependent claim format to single dependent claims.

Sequence Listing

In order to comply with requirements for patent applications containing nucleotide sequence and/or amino acid sequence disclosures, the specification has been amended in adherence with rules 37 C.F.R. §1.821-1.825. The specification has been amended to add references to SEQ ID Nos. and a Sequence Listing (“COPY 1: Official” and COPY 2: Archive”) and a Sequence Listing in computer readable form (“COPY 3: CRF”), all on CD-ROM, are provided herewith. This sequence listing requirement was also met in the International Phase in a response filed February 17, 2004 to an Invitation to Provide Sequence Listing (PCT/ISA/225) mailed 29 September 2003.

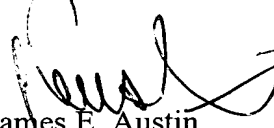
Applicants’ attorneys attest that the content of the Official, Archive and CRF copies of the Sequence Listing is the same, as required under 37 CFR §1.821(f), and that this submission includes no new matter. Applicant submits that this amendment and the accompanying Sequence Listing serve to place this application in a condition of adherence with rules 37 C.F.R. §1.821-1.825.

Conclusion

Applicant believes that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at (510) 663-1100. If any further fees are due in connection with the filing of this amendment, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account 500388 (Order No. CHIRP024).

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